

RACINE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM (RPCP)

RPCP Facts and Figures for 2015-2016

As of October 2015

In September 2015 there were nineteen (19) private schools participating in the RPCP, with a total enrollment of 2,127 students or 2,055.6 full-time equivalent (FTE) in the program.* In the 2015-16 school year, the state aid for a student enrolled full-time in the RPCP is \$7,214 (for students in grades K4-8), or \$7,860 (for students in grades 9-12). The program is estimated to cost \$15.1 million in 2015-16.

Act 55 (Wisconsin 2015-17 Biennial Budget) changed the manner in which the RPCP is funded. Students that participated in the program prior to the 2015-16 school year will continue to be fully funded from state general purpose revenue.

Pupils who begin attending a private school under the RPCP in the 2015-16 school year and thereafter are referred to as “incoming pupils.” Racine Unified School District (RUSD) will have its state general aid reduced by an amount equal to the amount paid by the state to participating private schools attributable to the incoming pupils.

If RUSD does not receive an equalization aid payment sufficient to cover the incoming choice pupil aid reduction, the balance would be reduced from other state aid received by the district. Incoming pupils in the RPCP are included in RUSD’s membership for state general aid purposes in the following year. The district may not levy to backfill the aid reduction. School districts receive a non-recurring revenue limit exemption equal to the number of FTE choice students multiplied by the current year revenue limit per student.

Table 1 shows the RPCP enrollment by grade level for the 3rd Friday in September 2015 count date. The number of students listed in the table is reported by headcount and FTE. For example, a four-year-old kindergarten student may be counted as 0.5 or 0.6 FTE.

TABLE 1
RPCP 2015-2016 Enrollment by Grade Level*

<u>Grade Level</u>	3rd Friday in September	
	<u>Headcount</u>	<u>FTE</u>
4 Year-Old Kindergarten	135	72.1
5 Year-Old Kindergarten	224	215.5
1st Grade	253	253
2nd Grade	222	222
3rd Grade	203	203
4th Grade	152	152
5th Grade	130	130
6th Grade	154	154
7th Grade	152	152
8th Grade	118	118
9th Grade	129	129
10th Grade	95	95
11 th Grade	100	100
12 th Grade	60	60
Totals	2,127	2,055.6

*These are unaudited numbers and are subject to change.

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Table 2 shows the total number of students in the RPCP by where (and if) they were enrolled in school in 2014-15.

TABLE 2
2015-16 RPCP Students' Prior Year Enrollments*

2014-2015 Enrollment	3rd Friday in September 2015			
	Headcount	% of Headcount	FTE	% of FTE
Wisconsin Private School**	1,557	73.2%	1,544.3	75.1%
Wisconsin Public School	396	18.6%	387.8	18.9%
No School	161	7.6%	110.5	5.4%
Homeschooled	12	0.6%	12	0.6%
Out of State	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Totals	2,127	100%	2,055.6	100%

** Of the 1,557 students enrolled in private school in 2014-15, 1,481 (1,474.2 FTE) participated in the RPCP.